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SUBJECT: BREZHNEV RECEIVES ZARODOV

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1. ZARODOV'S RECEPTION BY BREZHNEV NOT WIDELY REPORTED IN ITALIAN PRESS DESPITE EARLIER ATTENTION TO ZARODOV ARTICLE (ROME 11741).

2. IL GIORNALE OF SEP 24 REPORTS RECEPTION AND INTERPRETS IT AS A CLEAR SIGN OF REPUDIATION OF ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY'S "PLURALISM" AND OF ITS EARLY CHARACTERIZATION OF ZARODOV AS NOT BEING AN AUTHORITATIVE SPOKESMAN FOR SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY.

3. CORRIERE DELLA SERA (SEPT 23), ON THE OTHER HAND, TITLES ITS STORY "THE CHIEF OF THE KREMLIN SETTLES ACCOUNTS WITH (FA I CONTI) THE HARDLINERS". CORRIERE COMMENTS THAT BREZHNEV'S RECEPTION OF ZARODOV WAS SIMPLY A TACTICAL MOVE TO QUIET CRITICS OF THE "FAILURE" IN PORTUGAL AND FOR THE DIFFICULTIES BEING EXPERIENCED IN ORGANIZING A EUROPEAN COMMUNIST CONFERENCE. CORRIERE ALSO SUGGESTS THAT BREZHNEV'S ACTION IS ALSO PART

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OF THE INTERNAL MANEUVERING IN ANTICIPATION OF THE

25TH CONGRESS OF THE SOVIET PARTY NEXT FEBRUARY.

4. TO DATE THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY PAPER, UNITA,
HAS NOT REPORTED ZARODOV'S RECEPTION. VOLPE

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